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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO MOROCCO AND ALGERIA

1. EXIMBANK PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN JOHN L. MOORE, JR.
PROPOSES TO VISIT MOROCCO AND ALGERIA, FOLLOWING ITINERARY
BELOW. CHAIRMAN MOORE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIAL
ASSISTANT MATTHEW SCHAFER AND BY CLAYTON NORRIS, VICE
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PRESIDENT, AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST DIV. AND THOMAS E. MORAN,
DEPUTY VICE PRESIDENT, AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST DIV.

2. IN MOROCCO, EXIM SUGGESTS MEETINGS FOR CHAIRMAN WITH
MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY, HEADS
OF OCP, ROYAL AIR MAROC, AND SONASID, AND SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. EXIM WELCOMES EMBASSY SUGGES-
TIONS AND GUIDANCE REGARDING APPOINTMENTS. TO SAVE TIME

AND AVOID SHUTTLE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN RABAT AND CASABLANCA FOR MEETINGS IN BOTH CITIES, COULD ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN RABAT? POSSIBLY RECEPTION COULD BE ARRANGED IN RABAT AND GOM OFFICIALS AND OTHERS RESIDENT IN CASABLANCA COULD BE INVITED. PLEASE START MEETINGS MONDAY, FEB. 13, LEAVING FEB. 12 FOR REST.

3. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT TO MOROCCO WOULD BE TO LET MOROCCAN OFFICIALS KNOW OF MORE POSITIVE EXIM ATTITUDE GENERALLY AS REGARDS FINANCING OF EXPORTS AND MEETING FOREIGN COMPETITION AND OF SPECIFIC EXIM INTEREST IN MOROCCO AS FAVORABLE U.S. EXPORT MARKET.

4. DURING PLANNING HERE FOR ABORTED WASHINGTON VISIT OF KING HASSAN, MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENJELLOUN HAD REQUESTED THAT CHAIRMAN MOORE BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING WITH KING. IN LIGHT OF THIS, WOULD EMBASSY CONSIDER ARRANGING AUDIENCE WITH KING FOR CHAIRMAN MOORE? ARRANGING AUDIENCE IS, OF COURSE, AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, BUT EXIM VIEWS SUCH MEETING AS EXCELLENT WAY TO CONVEY EXIM'S MESSAGE TO GOM.

5. WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE RESERVE FOUR SINGLES WITH BATH AT RABAT HILTON FOR NIGHTS FEB 12 THRU FEB 15 AND SURFACE UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPORTATION TO RABAT UPON TEAMS ARRIVAL CASABLANCA FEB 12. ACCORDING TO TWA, ALL FLIGHT RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE RECONFIRM RESERVATION FOR PARTY ON SAUDIA FLIGHT 742 CASABLANCA TO ALGIERS ON FEB 16.

6. IN ALGERIA, CHAIRMAN MOORE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER GHOZALI, BANKERS (ESPECIALLY BEA PDG BELGHOULA, AND BAD PDG KARA), CNAN AND AIR ALGERIE.

7. EXIM PARTY WILL PARTICIPATE IN FEB 21, INAUGURATION OF LNG I PLANT AT ARZEW.

8. WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE ARRANGE FOUR SINGLES WITH BATH AT AURASSI FOR NIGHTS FEB 16 THRU FEB 20 AND RECONFIRM FLIGHT RESERVATIONS ON AH6820 AND AF2224 FOR FEB 21.

9. FYI: WE WILL ADVISE SONATRACH VICE PRESIDENT HASSEN KAHLOUCHE OF VISIT SO EMBASSY CAN COORDINATE WITH SONATRACH AS WITH PREVIOUS EXIM VISITS.

10. ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: FEB 11, NEW YORK - CASABLANCA TWA900, FEB 16, CASABLANCA - ALGIERS SV742,

FEB 21, ALGIERS - ORAN AH6820, FEB 21, ORAN - PARIS
AF2224 FEB 22, PARIS - NEW YORK TWA 803.

11. WOULD EMBASSY PARIS PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR FOUR
SINGLES AT INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL NIGHT OF FEB 21, AND
WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATIONS TO EXIMBANK
NORRIS. ALSO WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE RECONFIRM TWA803
FLIGHT PARIS NEW YORK ON FEB 22 CHRISTOPHER

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